

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent

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In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 1. Please also amend claim 2 as follows:

~~2. (Amended) A medical apparatus comprising:
an intravascular device having a contracted configuration and an expanded configuration, said intravascular device including an elongate wire receiving unit having an open ended channel extending therethrough for receiving a guidewire, and
said guidewire having an elongate body extending along a longitudinal axis between a proximal end and a distal end and an expandable and contractable stop member mounted thereon which is movable between a first contracted position and a second expanded position, said expandable and contractable stop member being dimensioned to pass through said channel in the first contracted position thereof and being dimensioned in the second expanded position thereof to have an outer dimension which is greater than the inner dimension of said channel but less than the outer dimension of said intravascular device in the expanded configuration thereof, and said elongate body having an outer dimension which is less than the inner dimension of said channel to permit free movement of said guidewire relative to said intravascular device within said channel in opposite directions along the longitudinal axis of said guidewire.~~